**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:** Sir, the matter is *sub judice*. The Police have filed a suit.

**PRESIDENT:** "The situation created among the people" may not be covered by the case.

**MR. T. C KESAVA PILLAI:** I am not particular in pressing the motion. I want only to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity for a relief road.

The motion, by leave, was withdrawn.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

**SECRETARY:** I beg to report that the following messages have been received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council:—

(1) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 8th August 1940, agreed without any amendment to the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 20th July 1940."

(2) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 8th August 1940, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 31st July 1940."

(3) "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council, at its meeting held on the 14th August 1940, agreed without any amendment to the Travancore Debt Relief Bill which was passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 31st July 1940."

## BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

**SECRETARY:** I beg to report that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

(1) The Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.

(2) The Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill.

(3) The Travancore Debt Relief Bill.

## FELICITATION MOTION.

**MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:** Sir, I beg to move the following motion:—

"This Assembly tenders its hearty and respectful felicitations to Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., LL. D., the President of the Assembly, on the conferment of the rare ititle of K. C. S. I. by His Majesty the King Emperor."

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Exactly a year ago, on this very day, we have had the privilege of tendering our hearty felicitations to the distinguished President of this Assembly on the honorary degree of LL. D, conferred upon him and on the celebration of his Shastiabdapoorthi. We have today the rare privilege of tendering our hearty and respectful felicitations on the appointment of our illustrious President as a Knight Commander of the Star of India by His Imperial Majesty the King Emperor. As we all know, appointment to this Order of Knighthood is limited to the greatest and the most experienced among the great men who have distinguished themselves in the service of the Indian Empire.

Owing to the anxious solicitude of her Sovereigns for the progress and welfare of the people, Travancore has always been fortunate in securing the services of the most eminent Indian statesmen of the day and some of her Dewans were statesmen of the first rank who elicited the admiration of the British statesmen and administrators of their time. But we are able to name only a very few among them who have been honoured by admission to this exalted Order. This House is justly proud of the very high distinction conferred upon him. We feel that the honour conferred upon him redound also to the glory of this House. This feeling is shared not by this House alone but also by the whole people of Travancore. The felicitations coming from every quarter of the country and from every class of people, irrespective of caste, community or creed are only manifestations of the very great regard and affection in which the illustrious recipient of this high honour is held today by the people of Travancore. This is yet another occasion for the manifestation of a whole peoples' affection which we have witnessed a year ago Descended from one of the noblest families in South India and brought up with the utmost care to make him fit to occupy the high position he was destined to occupy in later life, unrepressed by want or poverty, his career from childhood has all along been a consistent record of brilliant achievement in every sphere of activity in which he was engaged, whether as a student, scholar, lawyer, public man, legislator or administrator. Nature has endowed him profusely with physical and intellectual qualities of the highest order. His abounding energy, dauntless courage and magnetic personality have marked him out as a born leader of men. This prodigious force has always been devoted to the benevolent purpose of promoting the welfare of his fellow beings and that is the reason why Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar is looked upon by his countrymen today as one of the greatest statesmen that India has produced. His name is familiar to every one in this vast continent of India. He is well-known in England and his voice is listened to with respect in the council of the cultured nations of the earth.

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar had attained the position of a statesman of the first rank and had contributed substantially and permanently to the making of modern India before he placed his services at the disposal of the State. He was not before this quite unacquainted with Travancore as his professional services as a lawyer have on certain occasions been availed of by the State. His maternal

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uncle, the eminent Professor, Sundararaman had served the State for some time and was well-known to an older generation. The State had reaped substantial benefits from his advice as Legal and Constitutional Adviser. It was fortunate that he consented to accept the Dewanship of the State at a critical period of its progress. A lesser man would have quailed before the storm of opposition that swept the country soon after he took up the reins of administration. With undaunted courage he met and completely overcame this opposition in a short time. People have come to realise that the Dewan has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the country and its people and now we are witnessing the spectacle of every class of people in every walk of life vying with each other in doing honour to him. The Shashtiabdapoorthi of the Dewan last year was an occasion for a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm on the part of the people all over the country in making demonstrations of their feelings of joy and affection and a wave of universal rejoicings swept throughout the length and breadth of the State. One striking feature of these celebrations was the determination of the people in towns and villages to commemorate the event in some permanent form or other. As a result numerous institutions of great public utility and public benefit have sprung up everywhere, schools, poor-houses, satrams, parks, town-halls, dispensaries, hospital-wards and reading rooms are a few of the institutions thus brought into existence in a short time.

It is unnecessary for me to refer here to the various measures of reform undertaken by the Dewan. His courageous programmes for the improvement of the State and the development of its resources are in evidence everywhere. There is evidence of a new awakening and intense activity on all sides. The wisdom and the benevolence of the administration in Travancore have been universally felt and acknowledged.

The Dewan is still in the prime of life and is, by the Grace of God, full of health and vigour. No one meets him but carries away with him the highest opinion of his charming personality and the transcendant gifts of his intellect and energy. His generosity, his magnanimity and his nobility will ever evoke the highest praise from everyone who is privileged to approach him. To those who know him, the memory of the man will always be a rich possession. There is still a vast field of benevolent activity and a greater harvest of renown before him. The people of Travancore know that he is devoting his vast talents to carry out the aim and object of His Highness the Maharaja to advance the welfare of his subjects. With their hearty co-operation and support, this task will be accomplished and his name will be cherished with gratitude by succeeding generations of the people of this country. We pray that the Almighty may bless him with long life, happiness and glory. With these words I move this motion for the acceptance of the House.

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**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pathanapuram* cum *Shenkottah*): Sir, I wish to second the motion which has been very eloquently moved by my honourable friend, Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai. I associate myself with all that has been said by him on this occasion. You, Sir, were a member of the Government of Madras for a period of more than five years and you subsequently served the Government of India as a member thereof. You later on took up office in Travancore more than eight years ago and you have been connected with this State for this period of 8 years. I am mentioning these facts for the purpose of emphasising that the high and rare honour that has been conferred upon you by His Majesty the King Emperor has been bestowed in recognition of your services to this State during this period of 8 years. Sir, it is a very easy thing for a member of the Government of India to get this rare distinction. I say that this distinction which has been conferred upon you has a very great rarity value. It is a rare distinction that has been conferred upon you because it will be remembered that no Dewan of any Indian State has received this high distinction during the last 50 years and more, for it will be interesting to this House to know that it was Sir Seshadri Aiyar that last received this high distinction 50 years ago as the Dewan of Mysore State among the Dewans of Indian States. That is the point which I want to emphasize. It is a very rare thing for the Dewan of a State to get this distinction.

During this period of 8 years you have fought several battles not only within the State but outside the State as well. In these battles which you have fought you have achieved remarkable distinction and won the admiration of the authorities that be outside the State. In these achievements, you have proved yourself to be a very loyal and devoted servant of His Highness the Maharaja and a more ardent patriot than any patriotic son of the soil. It is these things that extort our admiration and respect. It is the services that you have done to the State that have enabled you to win this high distinction. By this high distinction you have enhanced the prestige of the State and incidentally of this House of which you are the President. We feel proud of this high distinction that has been conferred upon you, the President of the Assembly. I have great pleasure in seconding this motion and I am sure that it will be accepted with rejoicing by the whole House.

**MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI**: Let me also associate myself with the feelings expressed by Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai. I can assure Sir that my remarks will be brief and unembarassing, because it is equally embarassing to us after having known you and co-operated with you so long to stand up and praise you to your face. During the short period of your Dewanship, this is the third time that a title has been conferred upon you. His Highness the Maharaja at a most auspicious occasion blessed you with the title of 'Sachivottama'. The University took it up and last year on the occasion of your Shashtiabdapoorthi gave you the title of Doctorship and this is the third occasion. The Shashtiabdapoorthi itself gave an opportunity to the country to congratulate and honour you in a

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series of unbroken chain of meetings and celebrations throughout the country and the memorials which have been proposed are even now reaching completion one by one and we hope that in the near future the country would be marked from end to end by a chain of attractive and useful memorials. Thus I say that your life in this State has been so full of occasions to honour you and congratulate you and they have followed one another so quickly that I might say that their quickness has been surpassed by only one thing, namely the quickness with which reforms and prosperity have blessed this country during your time. My only prayer and request is that honours more and more may be yours and we may be kept breathless in honouring and congratulating you.

MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI: I beg to support the motion. In doing so, I am perfectly confident that the mover of the motion has moved a very welcome resolution acceptable and pleasing to one and all of us, the members of the House. Indeed, I feel this is a proud moment in the annals of this Assembly. The high and eminent honour of K. C. S. I. conferred by His Majesty the King Emperor upon the President of this House is an honour to this House as well. Indeed it is an honour to Travancore and to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja.

It is a matter of pride to us, the people of Travancore, that this signal honour has been conferred upon Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar as a mark of Imperial recognition and appreciation of the great works that he has done and is doing in our country.

In the long list of Dewans of the State, I think only four other great Dewans were ever the recipients of this eminent title, namely, Sir T. Madhava Row, Sir A. Seshayya Sastri, Sir P. Rajagopalachari and Sir Mahamad Habibullah. But none of them, except perhaps Sir T. Madhava Row, earned the great distinction while yet in the service of Travancore. Of course, I am subject to correction. Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar has, however, earned it while yet in the services of our country and that, as I have said, is a matter of immense gratification to us, the people of Travancore.

Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar has been in our midst for the last 9 years and he has toiled as Dewan of this State for 4 years now and during this period, he has, by all acceptations, done great things for Travancore. With his clear vision, he has unerringly spotted out the evils that clog the wheels of progress and marched the country straight to the goal of progress and prosperity, and in doing so, he has with dauntless courage, surmounted all difficulties and obstacles that beset the path of progress. We may rejoice that the fortunes and destiny of the country are in safe hands.

We have a Dewan who enjoys the full confidence of His Highness the Maharaja and the entire population of Travancore.

Our Dewan has dedicated his great talents, his matchless ability and his abounding energy to the great task of re-shaping Travancore,

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to create a modern Travancore, worthy of her great traditions and his glorious past.

In felicitating Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, we honour ourselves, we honour the country, and above all we pay our humble tribute to our gracious Maharaja who with his unerring eye for men, has secured for us the devoted services of one of the most distinguished Statesmen of the Empire.

May he live long in all success and happiness, and earn yet greater honours in the services of Travancore, of India, of the Empire and of humanity. With these words I support the motion.

**MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** When I rise to speak on this motion I know that I am only echoing the general feeling that prevails in each and every quarter of the country. The entire press in the country bears testimony to that fact. The honourable members of this House would have read English and Malayalam papers. As illustrative of how the Tamil Press takes the matter, I would read from the following (Nadar Nampan dated 28-5-1116).

**PRESIDENT:** I hope the Honourable Member is not going to give all the extracts from all the Tamil papers.

**MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** No, Sir, from only one paper.

"நாடார் நண்பன்.

திவான் சர்சிவோத்தமன் ஸர். ஸி. பி. ராமசுவாமி ஐயருக்கு, கே. ஸி. எஸ். ஐ. பட்டம்.

திருவிதாங்கூர் திவான் சர்சிவோத்தம ஸர் ஸி. பி. ராமசுவாமி ஐயர் அவர்களுக்கு சக்ரவர்த்தி மனம் உவந்து கே. ஸி. எஸ். ஐ. என்னும் பட்டம் இப்புது வருடத்தில் அளித்திருக்கிறார்கள். நாட்டுராஜ்யங்களில் திவான் பதவியில் இருக்கும் காலத்தில் இதுவரை இவ்விதபட்டம் ஒருவருக்கும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. பேரும், புகழும் படைத்து விழங்கி நிற்கும் திவான் அவர்களின் மதிப்பை காருண்ணிய சக்ரவர்த்தி நன்கு மதித்து அளித்தாகிய இப்பட்டமானது திருவிதாங்கூர் பிரஜைகளுக்கு அளவிலா மகிழ்சியை உண்டுபண்ணுகிறது என்பதில் சமுசயம் இல்லை. புத்திமானும் ராஜ்யகாரியங்களை கவனிப்பதில் சிரேஷ்டருமாய ஸர் ஸி. பி. ராமசுவாமியைப்போலுள்ள திவானை அபூர்வமாகவே நாட்டுராஜ்யங்களுக்கு கிடைக்கும். ராஜபக்தியும், குடிகளின் பேரில் அபிமானமும் நிறைந்து விளங்கும் சர்சிவோத்தம ஸர் ஸி. பி. ராமசுவாமி ஐயரை நாங்கள் மனதார வாழ்த்துகிறோம்."

**PRESIDENT:** I am sorry to cast aspersions upon well meaning Tamil papers. But it is not an accurate statement.

**MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** So, if this Honourable House repeats what has already been voiced outside the House, by Associations, Samajams, Institutions or meetings I think there is one special reason. The distinguished recipient of the title is also adorning the Presidential Chair of this Assembly. The recognition of the merits of our Honourable President by His Imperial Majesty enhances the prestige



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and dignity of this House by bringing it into prominence in the British Commonwealth of nations. The New Year Honours extend to the whole of the Empire comprising one fourth of the Globe's area and one fifth of its population.

Of our 46 Dewans only 4 others were the holders of this unique title though it was instituted in 1861.

We know for certain that titles such as K. C. S. I. are not given at random or as mere favours. In other words it is not an external decoration but one that has to be won by indisputable personal merits and attainments. Mere favour-hunters cannot successfully run the race and win the prize of K. C. S. I. Statutory Law in England would not permit any unworthy individual to be the holder of the title. Because by the constitution, the king is the fountain of all Honours and so if any honour be ill-placed, it would bring discredit to the Crown from whom the Honour proceeds. Queen Victoria would not include in the Honours list even those who did great services to the Political parties. Her Majesty once observed "The Queen cannot for a moment understand or agree that Political Party services can be considered to be equal to great Political services to the giver and country".

Barring the orders of Garter, Thistle and St. Patrick which are largely exempt from consideration of merit, those of Star of India, Indian Empire and British Empire serve to record public services. The general rule of ministerial responsibility applies to New Year Honours. The Prime Minister bears the general responsibility and on him depends the rewards given for eminence in art, science, literature and Political services, the principle being that the king who is the fountain of Honour shall accommodate himself to the views of ministers so far as they represent the expressed will of the country. So, if Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar is awarded this title, it is the result of decision by His Majesty, the Premier and the country.

The name of the present Premier must greatly enhance the value of 1941 Honours. Mr. Winston Churchill is regarded as the voice and conscience of England and he is also a proved political scientist who weighs individual merit in the Empire with a sensitive balance of his well-seasoned political wisdom and that in a well-equipped laboratory of political information. Mr. Churchil after such critical examination must have found Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar as a shining ornament of democracy and hence found him fit for a knighthood of the Order of the Star of India.

Many other British Politicians must have tested and tasted him as a Statesman, Politician, Administrator and Lawyer either in the Imperial Assemblies, Round-Table Conferences, Joint Parliamentary Committees or the League of Nations. His outstanding political merits were well demonstrated in the Central and Provincial Legislatures, whether as official or non-official member. His eminence in the legal world was amply proved in the India Courts including

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Travancore. Fortunately for us our Law Reports are also honoured by his name. In the domain of Constitutional Law his position is unrivalled. As framer of constitutions, his services were always in demand. His opinion was sought for by Southborough, Meston, and Montague Chelmsford Committees.

Mettur Irrigation Project, Pykara and Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Schemes have proved his immense industry, vast grasp of mind and unerring judgment. He is by these and many others singled out as a Statesman of the highest order for conception, design and execution.

Various Universities including our own recognised his remarkable oratory, profoundness in literature and grace of natural gifts.

Above all in the epoch making Temple Entry Proclamation, he has shown that public business is not merely a routine duty to perform in accordance with precedents and that real goodness is not a mere capacity or potentiality but an activity. For a good administrator is not one who can but who does act rightly. Thereby he has earned a reputation that made Travancore the envy of others. Commenting upon this, "Roys Weekly" notes as follows:

> "And all this big reform has been achieved by a Royal Decree. Herein the Assembly, the Government of India refuses to entertain the Temple Entry Bill of Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah; Even the Congress Party is not able to adopt it officially, and Mahatma Gandhi felt disinclined to ask the legislature to sponsor a measure of this kind; perhaps the noble example of Travancore will hearten those who have chosen the path of this most essential reform".

Thus under the guidance of their Highnesses the Maharaja and Maharani, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar has accomplished what every one wanted to do but noneelse had the boldness to perform.

It has been rightly said that wisdom in knowing what to do next, skill in knowing how to do it, and virtue in doing it Thus by wisdom, skill and virtue, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar has proved that he is a real knight and a Star of India. By his solid work and worth he has converted his critics into enthusiastic friends. As to what he has done here I agree with all that was said now. With these words I wish him all success in his future ventures and heartily support the motion before the House.

**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Sir, I also support the motion. I am singularly fortunate in associating myself in this happy function of felicitating our President on the conferment of thedistinguished title of K. C. S. I. on him. I do not think it necessary to recount here the various and varied activities of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar both in and outside Travancore. Suffice it to say that his life was a continuous battle and continuous successes. As Mr. Nadar said, during his brilliant career in British India, there have been many occasions for His Majesty's Government to test his talents. And it is no exaggeration to say that in all those tests he stood well, winning

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added laurels. There may be able statesmen, there may be wise administrators or distinguished lawyers. But for a man to combine in himself all the qualities of an able statesman and a wise administrator is a rare privilege. Sir, it is not too much to say that we really feel proud of having such an individual as the Dewan of our State. We ought to be grateful to His Gracious Highness the Maharaja for securing the services of such an able statesman. He assumed the reins of office at a time when there was so much political unrest in the State. But by his extraordinary courage and political sagacity, he was competent to handle the situation easily and at the same time speeding up various reformatory schemes, industrial and academical. We have already seen that various measures were adopted by him to relieve the prevailing unemployment in the State. To sum up he is always keen to take up and work such schemes as would be conducive to the prosperity of the State and its people. All these show that he possesses talents of a very high order. And it is only in the fitness of things that on him has been conferred the distinguished title of K. C. S. I. With these few words I support the motion.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMAN : സർ, എന്റെ ബഹുമാന്യസ്നേഹിതൻ മി: രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ള അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അനുമോദനപ്രമേയത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നതിൽ എനിക്ക് അതിയായ സന്തോഷവും അഭിമാനവും ഉണ്ട്. ഇൻഡ്യയിലെ വിവിധ നാട്ടുരാജ്യങ്ങളിൽവച്ചു ഏറ്റവും പ്രശസ്തവും, പുരോഗമിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുമായ നമ്മുടെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഒരു നിയമസഭ ആരംഭിച്ചത് മറുനാട്ടുരാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിന് വളരെ മുമ്പാണെന്നും, ആ വിധത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ നിയമസഭയ്ക്ക് സുദീർഘമായ ഒരു ചരിത്രം ഉണ്ടെന്നും ഉള്ളതു് സർവ്വസമ്മതമായ ഒരു കാര്യമാണ്. അതിന്റെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരായി മഹാന്മാരായ പലരും ഇരുന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അവക്ക് ആക്കം ഈ സഭയുടെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷസ്ഥാനം നയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്ന അവസരങ്ങളിൽ ഈ മാതിരിയുള്ള മഹൽപദവി ചക്രവർത്തി തിരുമനസ്സിൽനിന്നും ലഭിക്കാൻ ഇടയായിട്ടില്ല. ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഈ സഭയിലെ അംഗങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാം അതിയായ അഭിമാനത്തിന് അവകാശമുണ്ട്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ നിയമസഭയോട് ദീർഘകാലമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഒരംഗമെന്ന നിലയിൽ എനിക്ക അതിലധികം ആയ അഭിമാനത്തിന് അവകാശമുണ്ടെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്. അതുപോലെതന്നെ നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തു് രാജാകേശവദാസന്റെ കാലംമുതൽക്കാണ് "ദിവാൻ" എന്ന പദം മന്ത്രിവര്യന്മാർക്ക് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അന്നുമുതൽ ഇന്നുവരെ നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യം ഭരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള യാതൊരു ദിവാൻജി

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ക്കും തങ്ങളുടെ ഭരണകാലത്തു ഈ മാതിരി ഉന്നതമായ ഒരു പദവിലഭിക്കാൻ ഇടയായിട്ടില്ല എന്നുള്ളതു് ഓർക്കുമ്പോൾ ഈ സംഗതി തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പ്രജകൾക്കു് അകമാനം അമോദത്തിനും അഭിമാനത്തിനും അവകാശമുള്ളതാണു.

സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമിഅയ്യർ അവർകളുടെ പ്രശസ്തമായ ജീവിതമാഹാത്മ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി പലരും ഇവിടെ സംസാരിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞു. അതിനെ പുനരാവർത്തിക്കുന്നതു് ശരിയായിരിക്കയില്ലെന്നു് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. എങ്കിലും വ്യക്തിപരമായിത്തന്നെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽ അനന്യസാധാരണമായ പല ഗുണവിശേഷങ്ങളും വിളങ്ങുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതു് സർവ്വസമ്മതമായ ഒരു കാര്യമാണു്. സംഭവബഹുലമായ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ വളരെ കുഴച്ചിലുകൾക്കും അഭിപ്രായഭിന്നതകൾക്കും ഇടയായിട്ടുള്ളതായ അനവധി കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ അദ്ദേഹംപ്രവേശിച്ചു് വിജയം നേടീട്ടുള്ളതു് നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും അറിയാം. രാഷ്ട്രീയകാര്യങ്ങളിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടു് ഉൗർജ്ജസ്വലതയോടുകൂടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കേണ്ടതായ ഒരു രംഗം അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസത്തിനു ഇടയുള്ള ഒരു സ്ഥാനമാണു് എന്നുള്ളതു നിർവ്വിവാദമാണു്. എന്നാൽ അങ്ങനെ ഉള്ള രംഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് എല്ലാവർക്കും ഒരുപോലെ സംതൃപ്തി ഉണ്ടാകത്തക്കവണ്ണം വിജയം നേടിയ മറെറാരാളെ ഭാരതഭൂമിയിൽനിന്നു് തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു പറയാൻ ഉണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസം ഏതെല്ലാം വിധത്തിൽ ഇരുന്നാലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വ്യക്തിമാഹാത്മ്യത്തെ — മഹത്തായ പ്രതിഭാവിലാസത്തെ — അനന്യസാധാരണമായ രാജ്യതന്ത്രജ്ഞതയെ പുണ്യത്തെ — വിവിധകലാവിജ്ഞാനത്തെ — തപശ്ചിന്തയെപ്പറ്റി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ശത്രുക്കൾപോലും അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതായി കേട്ടിട്ടില്ല.

അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണപരമായ കൃത്യങ്ങളുടെ ഗുണദോഷം അനുഭവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നവരാണല്ലോ നാമെല്ലാം. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ മഹൽകൃത്യങ്ങളെ എന്നും സ്മരിക്കുമാറു അനവധി സ്മാരകങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. അതു് ഒന്നൊന്നായി എടുത്തു പറയണമെന്നു് വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. അദ്ദേഹം അനീതിയും അക്രമവും അസ്വസ്ഥതയും ഉളവാക്കുന്ന ഭാഗങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്കു് തിരിഞ്ഞു് ഉഗ്രരശ്മി വീശുന്ന ഭാസ്കരനായിട്ടാണ കാണപ്പെടുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ സമാധാനവും നീതിയും ശാന്തതയും നിറഞ്ഞ ഭാഗങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്കു് ചന്ദ്രനേപ്പോലെ ആശ്വാസപ്രദമായ ശീതരശ്മി വീശിക്കൊണ്ടു് പരിലസിക്കുന്ന ഒരാളാണു് അദ്ദേഹം

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[Mr. Thariathu Kunjithomman]

കാളിദാസമഹാകവി ഒരാളിനേപ്പറ്റി വർണ്ണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഭാഗം ഓർമ്മയിൽ വരുന്നു. ആ ഭാഗം സർ. സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമി അയ്യരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം അനുചിതമാണ്. അതായതു് കാരുണ്യത്താലും വിനയത്താലും ഇറങ്ങിക്കളിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത അത്യഗാധമായ സമുദ്രത്തേപ്പോലെയും പരാക്രമത്താലും പൌരുഷത്താലും കയറാൻ സാധിക്കാത്ത അത്യുന്നതമായ പർവ്വതത്തെപ്പോലെയുമാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ യോഗ്യതകൾ. ഇദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ രാജ്യഭരണവൈശിഷ്ട്യത്തിന്റെഫലമാണ് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഇന്നു കാണുന്ന സമാധാനം. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രായോഗികവൈശിഷ്ട്യം ഒരിക്കലും തീരുമാനംവരാതെ കിടന്നിരുന്ന അനവധി പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾക്കു ന്യായമായ തീരുമാനത്തെ ഉളവാക്കി. എത്രയോ കാലമായി ജനങ്ങൾ മുറവിളികൂട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന ക്ഷേത്രപ്രവേശനപ്രശ്നം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഉപദേശത്താലും മഹത്തായ പ്രതിഭാവിലാസത്താലും മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു അനുകൂലിച്ചു തീരുമാനിച്ചു. അതുപോലെതന്നെ സാമ്പത്തിക വിഷമങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടു് കഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നകർഷകക്കു് ഋണനിവാരണബില്ലിൽ മുഖേന അദ്ദേഹം വലുതായ ആശ്വാസം നൽകി. വളരെ കുഴഞ്ഞ പബ്ലിക് സർവീസ് പ്രശ്നത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് എല്ലാ സമുദായങ്ങൾക്കും സംതൃപ്തി ഉണ്ടാകത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള ഒരു തീരുമാനം ഉണ്ടാക്കി. ഇങ്ങനെ പല മഹൽകൃത്യങ്ങളും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണവൈശിഷ്ട്യത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി പാവങ്ങൾ തലമുറതലമുറയായി സ്മരിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുള്ളവ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ധർമ്മരാജ്യത്തു നീതിയും സമാധാനവും ഭാനംചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടു സജ്ജനങ്ങളിൽ ശീതാംശുവും ദുർജനങ്ങളിൽ ഉഗ്രകിരണവുംനീട്ടി പരിലസിച്ചു മഹാരാജാവുതിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആത്മമാർത്ഥമായി സേവിക്കാൻ തയാറായിട്ടുള്ള ദിവാൻജിക്കു് ദീർഘായുസിനെ നൽകണമെന്നുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഹാർദ്ദമായി പിൻതാങ്ങികൊള്ളുന്നു.

**PRESIDENT :** I find that a good deal of time has been taken by this but I fully realise that some more honourable members want to speak on the motion. I would very strongly request them to confine their remarks to the fewest possible words because I hope even by sitting for a little while after 1 o' clock, to conclude this part of the business before we rise for lunch.

**SRIMATHI T. NARAYANI AMMA :** I have great pleasure in supporting the motion before the House. In doing so, I associate myself with all

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the sentiments expressed by the other members. It is indeed a matter for joy to every member of this House that the Dewan-President has been honoured with the exalted title of K. C. S. I. in recognition of his distinguished services to the State. Only a few Dewans of Indian States have had this high distinction and we feel particularly gratified at the fact that it is during your tenure of office as Dewan—during a period which has already been made memorable by the introduction of various beneficent and far-reaching reforms—this title has been conferred on you by His Majesty the King Emperor of India. And the conferment of this title on Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar is thus unique in several respects and we Travancoreans feel proud of such a well-deserved recognition. We feel it is our duty to express our hearty, sincere and respectful felicitations for the honour done to you. May you be the recipient of still higher honours. With these words, Sir, I heartily support the motion.

**MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH**: I also fully sympathise with the sentiments expressed by my colleagues on the resolution. Sir, you have completely endeavoured yourself for the best interests of the State and we feel that the honour done to you is an honour done to the country as well. That this eminent honour that has been conferred on you is well deserved is an indisputable point. There is no use labouring over that point. I wonder whether there is any public man in India whose efforts for the successful prosecution of the war can surpass that of Sir C. P Ramaswami Aiyar. His fine speeches have been epoch-making: his writings and his speeches have administered the utter futility of the doctrine of non-violence in the present day of international conflicts and he has suggested ways and means to get over that doctrine.

Again you made the clarion call to marshall the manliness of the country for the safety of India first and then for the success of justice. Then also your speeches made a correct exposition of the weakness of India's defence and that was an eye-opener to many in and outside Travancore and I dare say that it has made a tremendous impetus to war efforts in India. We rightly feel that our Dewan is a Knight Commander of the Star of India among the distinguished men in India now. We feel proud and are delighted over the high honour that has beeen bestowed upon you.

**PRESIDENT**: Order, order, I wish to know whether the honourable members sit till about 1·20 and finish.

(MEMBERS ASSENTED)

**MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI**: I have great pleasure in associating myself with the sentiments expressed by the other members. Several members of this House have stated about the various qualities of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer. It is needless for me to say anything about his activities as a great leader, as a great administrator or as a distinguished lawyer. I feel it is my business at this moment to bring to the notice of this House the important aids rendered by him to the Industries and commerce of this country during the last four years not

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only in Travancore but throughout the British Indian Empire. The various aids rendered by Government, direct and indirect, have been responsible for the development of our trade and industries in an amassing degree. The powerful and influential personality of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar has been responsible for safeguarding the Travancore commercial interests throughout the British Empire. To give you a recent instance in support of the position that I have taken, I may state that if not for the determined and continuous efforts of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, it could not have been possible for the industries of Travancore to achieve marvellous results. He has done a considerable amount of work at a time when the prices of commodities and articles are increasing. It is not worth the trouble for me probably to mention the various services rendered by Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar not only as Dewan of this State, but also as a person for safeguarding the export tra c of this country when steamers have been completely stopped due to war. It is almost impossible for the exporters of this country to carry on. I can assure you that it is the personality of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar alone that made it possible for this State to carry on the export trade.

After all man has to live. He cannot live on air. So if Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar has done anything to this country, if starvation can be driven out of this country, if the earning capacity of every individual can be improved by the direct or indirect State machinery, that is the greatest aid more than any other aid that is possible. During the last four years we find probably the great services that have been rendered by him are for commerce and industry. Elsewhere the President of the Chamber of Commerce remarked "We feel more advantageous that the administration is effected by one who belongs to a few of commercial men". I wonder whether Sir Ramaswami Aiyar himself was not a commercial man in this birth or in the previous birth.

That one thing alone is enough to prove that four years' effort on his part was required to improve the financial condition not of an individual, nor of one hundred individuals but of the State as a whole and that alone is enough to earn the lasting gratitude of the people of this country. Therefore I feel that it is only in the fitness of things that His Majesty the King Emperor has found it necessary to honour him in the manner in which he has honoured him and therefore it is also in the fitness of things that Travancore should feel honoured by the great honour that has been conferred by His Majesty the King Emperor on Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar. With these few words, I support the motion.

**MR. P. S. MUHAMED** : സർ, മി. രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ള ഇവിടെഅവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാൻ പൂർണ്ണമായും അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. എനിക്കു ഒരു പ്രസംഗം ചെയ്യേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല, എങ്കിലും ഒരു സംഗതിമാത്രം പറയണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ വ്യവസായീകരിച്ചു മുന്നോട്ടു കൊണ്ടുപോകണമെന്നുള്ള ഒരു നിലവന്നപ്പോൾ

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അതേസമയത്തുതന്നെ പാവപ്പെട്ട കുലിക്കാരുടെ താല്പര്യംകൂടി പരിഗണിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ചിന്ത അങ്ങയുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ അങ്കുരിച്ചതിൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ തൊഴിലാളികളെല്ലാവരും അങ്ങയോട് കൃതജ്ഞതയുള്ളവരാണ് എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അങ്ങേയുടെ ഈ ബഹുമതിലഭിച്ചതിൽ അവർക്കുള്ള ആഹ്ലാദം ഈ സഭയിൽവച്ചു ഞാൻ അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഈ സഭയിൽ നിന്നു പാസ്സാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ള ആക്ടുകളും ഈ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽതന്നെ പാസാക്കാനുള്ള ബില്ലും, ഈ സമ്മേളനം കഴിഞ്ഞു് അങ്ങ് മേത്തലവരെ പോയി തിരിച്ചുവരാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പരമാത്മാവും എല്ലാം നോക്കിയാൽ സാധുക്കളായ ജനങ്ങളുടെ നേക്ക് അങ്ങയുടെ കൃപ ഏതു നിലയിലാണ് എന്നുള്ളതു് വ്യക്തമാകുന്നുണ്ടു. സൂര്യൻ അസ്തമിക്കാത്ത സാമ്രാജ്യത്തെ ഭരിക്കുന്ന ചക്രവർത്തി തിരുമനസ്സിൽ നിന്നുമാണ് അങ്ങേയുടെ ഈ സ്ഥാനലബ്ധിയുണ്ടായതു്.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : എന്റെ മുൻഗാമികളുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ പൂർണ്ണമായി യോജിക്കുന്നു.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: സർ, മി. രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ളയുടെ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാൻ പൂർണ്ണമായി അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ രണ്ടു വാക്കു പറയുന്നതിന് എന്നെ അനുവദിക്കുമെന്നു് ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ദിവാൻജിമാരായിരുന്നിട്ടുള്ളവരിൽ പ്രസംഗത്തിലല്ലാതെ പ്രവൃത്തിയിൽ കാര്യങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതു് സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമിഅയ്യരാണു്. അതാണു് തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെന്നല്ല ഇൻഡ്യയുടെ എല്ലാഭാഗത്തും അങ്ങയെ അനുമോദിക്കാൻ കാരണമായതു. അതുപോലെതന്നെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ കൃഷിയും വ്യവസായവും അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നുള്ള ചിന്ത അങ്ങയിൽ വന്നുചേർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിന്റെ ഫലമായി ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി അവർകൾ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ വടക്കെ അറ്റത്തു ചെന്നു് ലിഫ്റ്റു് ഇറിഗേഷനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. എന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിൽ സാധാരണ ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറിമാരുടെ യാത്ര വളരെ അപൂർവ്വമാണ്. രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഐശ്വര്യത്തിനു ഏതു മാർഗ്ഗവും, പ്രജകളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിന് വേണ്ടി ഏതു മാർഗ്ഗവും കൈക്കൊള്ളുമെന്നുള്ള സന്മനസ്സോടും സന്നദ്ധതയോടും കൂടിയിരിക്കുന്ന ഒരാളാണ് അവിടുന്നു്.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: One word. Ever since the conferment of K. C. S. I., on Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, I have learnt much about K. C. S. I., and it has been a problem for me whether I should congratulate Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar on the conferment of this title or whether I should congratulate the title itself. A reference to the honours list, as published in the papers, in which much is stated about



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the title and the nature of the recipients, has not enabled me to decide whether I should congratulate the recipient or the title itself. Leaving it as eternal problem for me to solve, I beg to associate myself with the sentiments already expressed.

**MR. K. G. GOVINDAN:** I too wish to associate myself with the sentiments that have been given expression to.

**MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL:** I heartily associate myself with all the sentiments that have been expressed already.

**MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar is already a K. C. S. I., by virtue of his inherent power. He stands at the entrance to the Assembly Chamber as the K. C. S. I.—Kaylas of Courage of South India. He stands at the entrance to the peoples' memorial watching the movements of the Iron Horse which brings in a large concourse of people both the high and the low for a worship in the temple of Sri Padmanabha and he is really a K. C. S. I.—Kohinoor of Chivalry in South India. Lakshmi and Saraswati rule the country the coupling of the Kumari Devi of Pallivasal to the hard hearted flora in the north and the inauguration of the Travancore University. With these few words I heartily support the motion.

**MR. J. E. A. PERIERA:** Sir, It is with greatest pleasure that I support this motion and I shall be very brief since so many have to speak.

By the conferment of the title of Knight Commandar of the Star of India, Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar joins the select band of foremost Indians who could be counted by the fingers. I believe, K. C. S. I. is the highest honour among the British Empire titles any Indian can aspire to; the next higher honours are generally for the ruling princes.

I may inform the Honourable Members of the House that myself, as one who has watched the career of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar for the last quarter of a century, was one of those who had expected Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar to become the Governor of a major Province especially after his successful career in the Executive Council of the Imperial Government. That my hope was not unwarranted is borne out by the fact that the brilliant character of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar elicited such a laudatory estimation from no less a person than late Mr. Montague. He said Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar was one of the cleverest Indians he had come across. Mr. Montague himself was one of the foremost men of the British Empire and one who was a shrewd judge of men and matters. Therefore his testimony about Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar could be accepted without being challenged.

About local achievements of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, I do not mean to touch since it is well known to us and further so many have spoken about it.

The modern conception of longivity of life is 3 score years and ten but according to our ancients it is 100 years and Shashtiabdapurthi marks the attainment of maturity of wisdom and I believe in Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, we have a typical example of our ancients' conception and therefore we can expect his achievements after the Shashtiabdapurthi will eclipse those of his previous career,

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Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar's contribution to the political advancement of the country and in other directions are immense and they will get their due recognition when the acerbities of political differences of opinion had died out in due course of time. It will be then time enough to sift things in the correct perspective and his contributions will receive their due recognition.

The future historian will have to look in vain among the nation-builders of greater India yet to be for a parallel case of so colourful a personality as Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar combining such rare outstanding qualities as a constitutional lawyer of unqualified merit, a brilliant advocate, an eminent statesman and a keen student of literature and yet with all a practical philosopher and it was only the other day we were treated to a delectable discourse on practical philosophy by his radio talk from Delhi. With these words I heartily support the motion.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : സഹിവോത്തമ സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമി അയ്യർ അവർകൾക്ക് കെ. സി. എസ്സ്. ഐ. എന്ന അപൂർവ്വബിരുദം ചക്രവർത്തി തിരുമനസ്സിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിച്ചതിൽ ഈ സഭയുടെ അനുമോദനവും അഭിനന്ദനയും രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന്, മി. രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ള അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രമേയത്തോട് ഞാൻ ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി യോജിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ദിവാൻജിമാരായിരുന്നിട്ടുള്ളവരിൽ സർ ടി. മാധവറാവുവിനും, സർ എം. റഹബീബുള്ളായ്ക്കും മാത്രമേ കെ. സി എസ്. ഐ. എന്ന സ്ഥാനംലഭിക്കുവാൻ ഭാഗ്യമുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളുവെന്നുള്ളത് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ സ്മരണീയമാണു. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഭരണത്തിൽ നിന്നും പിരിഞ്ഞു ബറോഡായിൽ ഭരണം നടത്തുമ്പോഴാണ് സർ ടി. മാധവറാവുവിനു ഈ സ്ഥാനം ലഭിച്ചതെന്നും സർ റഹബീബുള്ളായ്ക്കു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ വരുന്നതിനു മുമ്പുതന്നെ ഈ സ്ഥാനം ലഭിച്ചിരുന്നുവെന്നും നമുക്ക് അറിവുള്ളതാണല്ലോ. എന്നാൽ സർ സി. പി. യ്ക്ക് കെ. സി. എസ്. ഐ. ലഭിച്ചതു് അദ്ദേഹം തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഭരണം നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന ഘട്ടത്തിലാണെന്നുള്ളതു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണത്തിന്റെ മധുരഫലങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന നമുക്കു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സന്തോഷമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നു. ദിവാന്റെ നിലയിൽ സർ സി. പി. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ കാലുവച്ചതു്, വിഭിന്നങ്ങളായ രാഷ്ട്രീയാഭിപ്രായങ്ങളാൽ കാറുകൊണ്ടു കലുഷിതമായ ഒരന്തരീക്ഷത്തിലാണു്. നിശിതങ്ങളായ നിരൂപണങ്ങളും നിർദ്ദാക്ഷിണ്യമായ വിമർശങ്ങളും സർ സി. പി. ധാരാളം അഭിമുഖീകരിക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു. കണ്ടകങ്ങളും കൂർപ്പിച്ചില്ലുകളും നിറഞ്ഞ സഞ്ചാരമാർഗ്ഗം, അദ്ദേഹം പുഷ്പങ്ങളും പരവതാനികളും കൊണ്ടു നിറച്ചു. അഭിപ്രായ സഹിഷ്ണുതയും അഭിപ്രായദാർഢ്യവും ഈ

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[Mr. K. R. Narayanan.]

അന്തരീക്ഷമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു അനുകൂലമായ സാഹചര്യ-ങ്ങളുണ്ടാക്കി. ഒരു ഭരണമേധാവിക്കുണ്ടായിരിക്കേണ്ട അനേകം അസാധാരണ ഗുണങ്ങളുടെ നിർമ്മലങ്ങളായ ഉറവുചാലുകൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽ നമുക്കു കാണാം. ഈ അഖിലലോകപ്രശസ്തനായ ഈ സർവ്വവിജ്ഞാനകോവിദനായ-ഒരു ദിവാനെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനു ലഭിച്ചതിൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാർ അഭിമാനംകൊണ്ടു പുളകം പൂശുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഡെമോക്രസ്സിപ്രണയം, ഡെമോക്രസ്സിപ്രണയികളായ സകലർക്കും ആശയും ആശ്വാസവും ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഈ സന്ദർഭം ഞാൻ ഉപയോഗിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമി പരിമിതമായ ഈകാലയളവിനുള്ളിൽ-തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ വരുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള വൈദ്യുതപരിവർത്തനങ്ങൾ, അസംഖ്യങ്ങളാണു. ഹിന്ദുമതത്തിനു നവയുഗോൽഘടനം ചെയ്തു് ഭാരതവർഷത്തിനു അഭികാമ്യസന്ദേശമരുളിയെന്നു ക്ഷേത്രപ്രവേശവിളംബരം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പരിഷ്കാരമകുടങ്ങളിൽ മുത്തുമാല ചാർത്തുന്നു.

ഇന്നു സർ സി. പി. "ഭാരതനക്ഷത്രം" മാത്രമല്ല. മാർഗ്ഗദർശനമാണു നക്ഷത്രധർമ്മം. നക്ഷത്ര കിരണങ്ങളാൽ അന്ധകാരമകറ്റുന്നതു നമുക്കു അനുഭവസിദ്ധമാണു്. ജാതിവ്യത്യാസം മൂലം, മതവ്യത്യാസം മൂലം, വിഭിന്നങ്ങളായ അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസത്താൽ ഇവിടെ ഇപ്പോഴും കുറച്ചന്ധകാരമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള പരമാർത്ഥം സത്യവാദികൾക്കു മറച്ചുവയ്ക്കാവുന്നതല്ല. ആ അന്ധകാരമൂലമുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗതടസ്സത്തിലും മാർഗ്ഗഭ്രമത്തിലും ഈ ഭാരതനക്ഷത്രം, ഈ സർ സി. പി. പ്രഭാസമ്പൂർണ്ണമായ ഒരുജ്ജ്വലതേജസ്സായി, നക്ഷത്രധർമ്മം നിർവ്വഹിക്കുവാൻ സംഗതിയാകട്ടെ. നക്ഷത്രങ്ങളുടെ കിരണങ്ങൾ ആമ്പൽപൂക്കളിൽ മാത്രമല്ലാ കുപ്പച്ചെടികളിലും പ്രഭാപൂരമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നു. ഈ നക്ഷത്രത്തിന്റെ സമതുലകിരണങ്ങൾ ഇവിടത്തെ ആമ്പൽപൂക്കളിലും കുപ്പച്ചെടികളിലും ദീർഘനാൾ തലോടുവാൻ സംഗതിയാകട്ടെ. ഒരു മലയാളമഹാകവി ഉദയനക്ഷത്രം കണ്ടുകൊണ്ടു പറയുന്ന ഒരു പദ്യം ഞാൻ ഉദ്ധരിക്കാം.

"പൂമൊട്ടിൻ പുടഭേദമൊന്നു
വിരവിൽ പൂർവാന്തരീക്ഷത്തിലു-
ന്നോമൽ പൊൽകിരണങ്ങളം തൂകി-
യുദയം കൊള്ളുന്ന നക്ഷത്രമേ!
ക്ഷേമംവായ്നിനക്കിരുട്ടിലുഴറി
ക്ഷ്മണിച്ച ഞങ്ങൾക്കഹോ,
ശ്രീമത്തായവെളിച്ച മാണു, വഴികാ
ട്ടീടുന്ന കൈയാണു നീ".

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ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഈ ഉടയനക്ഷത്രം "ശ്രീമത്തായ വെളിച്ചമായി" "വഴികാട്ടിടുന്ന കൈയ്യായി" ദീർഘനാൾ ശ്രീവാഴുംകോടിനു ഐശ്വര്യവും, അഭിമാനവുമുണ്ടാക്കി പ്രകാശിക്കട്ടെ. ആത്മാർത്ഥതയുടെഅഴത്തിൽ നിന്നു വരുന്ന അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങളോടും, അശംസകളോടും കൂടി, സർ സി. പി. ക്കു ഞാൻ സകല ഭാവുകങ്ങളും നേരുകയും, മി. രാമകൃഷ്ണ പിള്ളയുടെ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഒരാവർത്തി കൂടി പിൻതാങ്ങുകയും ചെയ്യുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**PRESIDENT:** Order, order. I am afraid that our alimentary requirements cannot be neglected any longer and therefore I have to shorten the discussion.

Honourable colleagues of this Assembly, I am very deeply moved, more deeply than I can express, by the manifestation, the spontaneous and most kindly manifestation of your feelings on this occasion; and it were presumption and affectation on my part, if I did not say that I am very proud to have been the recipient of such remarks. There are one or two matters on which alone I shall dwell.

I regard this title as significant and without vanity or hypocrisy, I may say that I prize this title in as much as it is not very often bestowed, nor had it been bestowed during many years on a person in charge of the administration of an Indian State. It is from that point of view, that I look at this title. To my mind, the conferment by His Majesty of this title on one who has been charged with the administration of Travancore for some years is a recognition and a symbol of the part that Indian States have played and must play in the polity of India. That the Indian States and their policy and programme are not less important than the Provinces and their programme from the political, the economic or any other stand-points, is a matter which, I think, has been exemplified by this particular gracious act of His Majesty the King Emperor who in such matters is guided by the advice of his trusted Viceroy.

Another aspect from which I have viewed and shall view the conferment of this distinction is this—that wholehearted service to our Sovereign the Maharaja of Travancore is regarded by those in charge of the conduct of affairs in the British Commonwealth as equivalent in value to service in those parts of the British Empire which come under the control and governance of the direct Agents of His Imperial Majesty. If I have specially appreciated one point made about my work more than another, one remark which has gratified me more than another, it is this—that it has been recognised in many quarters—that when I made my choice to come to Travancore and to take part in the Administration of Travancore, I made my choice deliberately in complete dedication to the Ruler and his people of all my powers and all my energy and in order to work for the glory and for the prosperity of this State and for the fruition of the hopes and the aspirations and the dreams of that Great Ruler whom

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[President.]

Travancore is so fortunate to possess. (cheers). I was a poor man when I left the Government of Madras. I was a poorer man when I left the Government of India, for I have never regarded money as anything but as a means to some definite ends. I had made up my mind to go back to the Bar and to replenish my finances. It was soon after that the call came to me from His Highness, whom I have known from his boyhood and the members of whose family are amongst the objects of my respect and regard. The call came to me and the choice was given to me to develop the great potentialities of this country. I was touched by this mark of confidence and accepted the call without an afterthought. A programme was outlined which was an arduous one, a difficult one and a worthy one. And I made up my mind then that I shall serve His Highness so long as worldly activities are my portion and my destiny. (Mr. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai: *Hear, hear.*)

But what my honourable colleagues have mentioned about me does not take into sufficient account on outstanding fact and that is that in the lifework of every politician, every public man, in every administrator, the part that chance or good fortune plays is a very important one. It is a matter of singular luck that it was given to me in Madras to work under one who supported me in all the schemes that I endeavoured to bring into fruition. Without the support of my friend and my chief, Lord Willingdon, I could not have brought into existence either Mettur or Pykara or Bhavani or the harbour schemes. If that could be stated of Madras, what shall I say of Travancore! You have referred to my work. Yes; but you must remember that my work is that of the agent, the work of one who carries into practice the ideas, the dreams and the ambitions of one who is always working and aspiring for the people of Travancore and who combines both moral fervour and intellectual perception to a remarkable degree. It would be hypocritical if I did not say that it has been given to me owing to various circumstances to do something for this State. But why? From the time I came here, I have been subject to much attack from certain quarters from time to time—why should I not have been—why should a man think himself immune from criticism? At the same time I have always had the support of large numbers of thinking men, and the encouragement of men and women of various kinds and stations in life, and I have had something which I value more than anything else, a realisation that in working in and for this State I have the privilege of serving a great Ruler and a land with vast possibilities. It is in that spirit that I have laboured and for such time as it may be given to me to labour here I shall do so.

This honour that has come to me now may conceivably have come to me some years ago; but I am particularly glad that this title was conferred on me just at this juncture because it is bound to be good for Travancore, it is good for the Indian States and it is heartening to see that the work that is done in an Indian State is also recognised to be work as vital, as significant, as momentous and as beneficent as the work that is done in any other portion of the British Commonwealth of

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Nations. May I not also venture to add that this distinction may be regarded as a recognition of the wholehearted support and loyal adherence given by Travancore to the great cause for which the King Emperor stands. Striking a personal note I feel particularly proud that I share this title with one of my idols in public life, Sir K. Seshadri Aiyar, to whom and whose inspiration I have a great deal in connection with the formulation and carrying out of administrative policies. I do not trust myself to say much more on this occasion. I thank my honourable colleagues most fervently and from the bottom of my heart. They have said many kind things. They have meant many more kind things. I know that the members of this honourable House have always been generous to me, and I know, put up with much, that members of this honourable House rightly regard honour and prestige of this kind as equivalent to the honour and prestige of the Legislature and the country. I thank my colleagues again for what they have said and for what they have implied in what they have said.

The motion was put to vote and declared carried *nem con.*

The House rose for lunch at 1-20 P. M. and re-assembled at 2-20 P. M. with the Dewan-President in the chair.

**PRESIDENT**: Order, order. Before the regular business of the House commences I am very glad to be able to announce that a large number of the orders for coir goods which were placed before the Indian Stores Department by the Travancore Mats and Mattings Association has been accepted with the result that a large percentage of the coir goods will be at their disposal and could be undertaken by Travancore. I have just received the intimation.

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

### DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

### CENSUS.

**MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI**: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 17,900 under XXX (H)—Census. When the Budget was framed for Census expenditure at the beginning of this year, we asked for Rs. 18,000 for remuneration to Enumerators and Supervisors. At the time it was not known what will be the position taken by Government of India in the matter of Census this year. The demand under the different heads of the budget was therefore based on the actual amount of expenditure for the last Census. In 1931, the enumeration proceeded by assigning to each enumerator a certain number of blocks which were formed by an arbitrary grouping of 30 houses in the rural areas and 50 houses in the urban areas. This time Census operations proceed on a different basis, the geographical unit having been accepted as the basis for the formation of blocks, by the Census Commissioner for India. The geographical unit for Travancore has been fixed as a *kara*. This has necessitated the appointment of a large number of Enumerators and Supervisors. 3588 Enumerators and 793 Supervisors were appointed for the last Census. There has been an excess of 30% in the number of houses this time over the number of houses in 1931. Even if the same system had been followed this time also, we

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